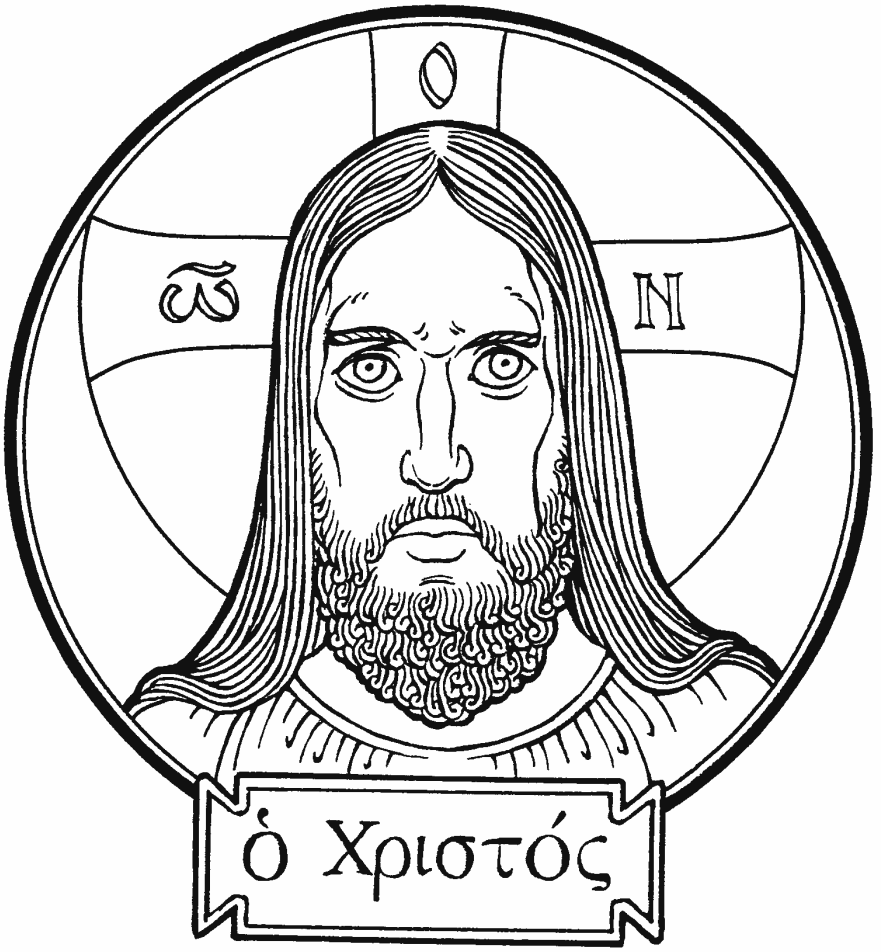
Divine Service



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God

Jesus asked His disciples: *"But who do you say that I am?"* (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is *"the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even *"the gates of hell shall not prevail"* (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness *"will never be dismayed"* (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that *"joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song"* (Is. 51:3). Therefore, *"according to the measure of faith that God has assigned"* (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves *"as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God"* (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly**

deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

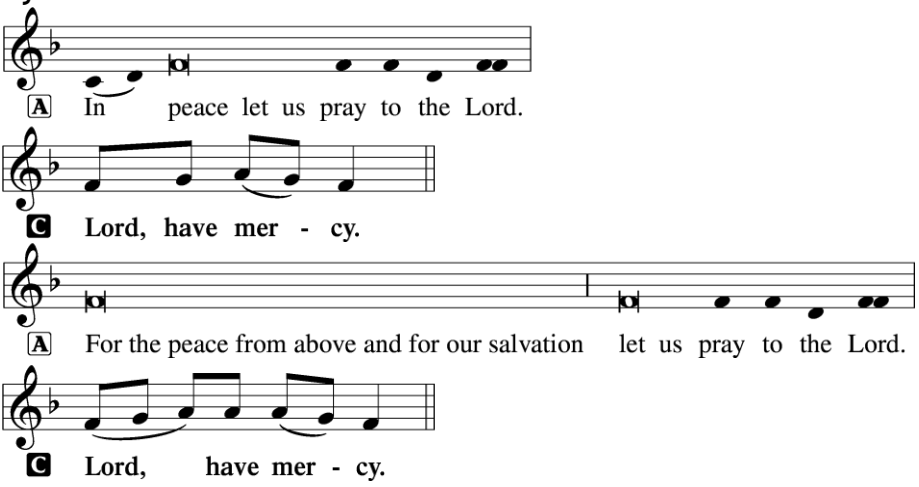
Introit

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!
As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.
I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you."
Praise the LORD, all | nations!*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
But we will | bless the LORD*
from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

LSB 152



Gloria in Excelsis

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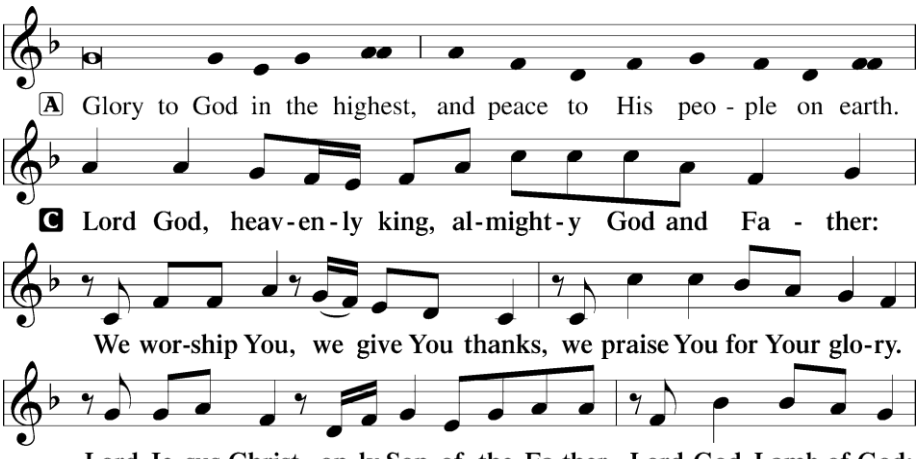
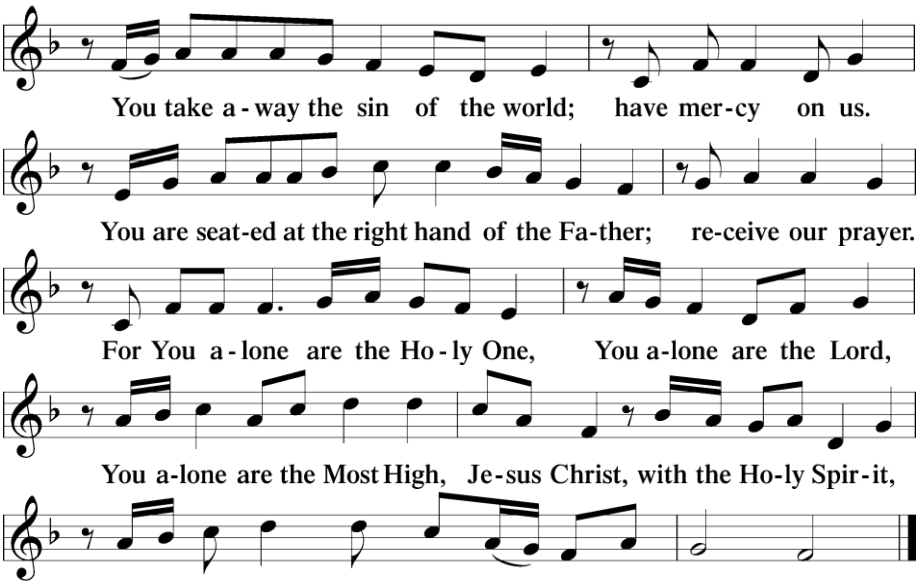
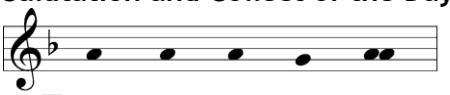


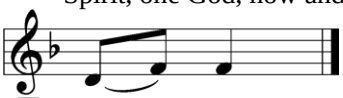


Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
3For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
4"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
6Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Romans 11:33—12:8

33Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
34"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
35"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
36For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

1I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5]so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6]Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7]if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8]the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

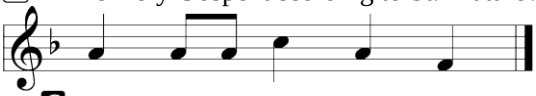
Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

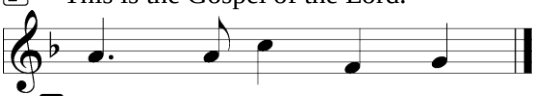
Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14]And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15]He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16]Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18]And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19]I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." [20]Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Sit

Consecration of the Offering

Please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

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Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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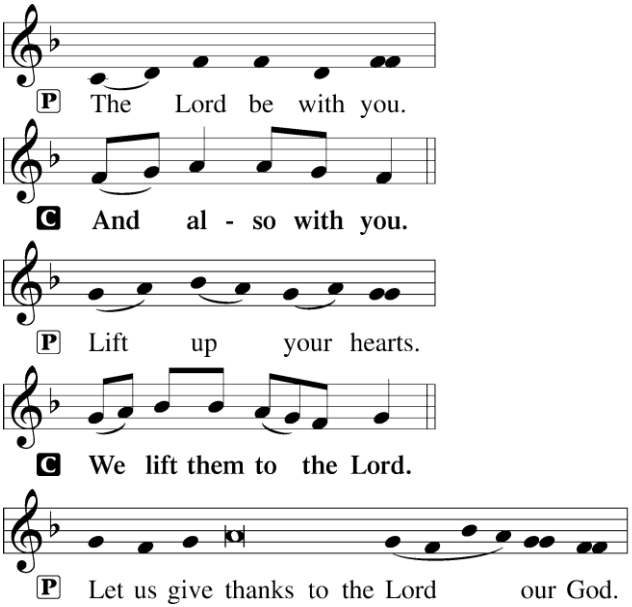
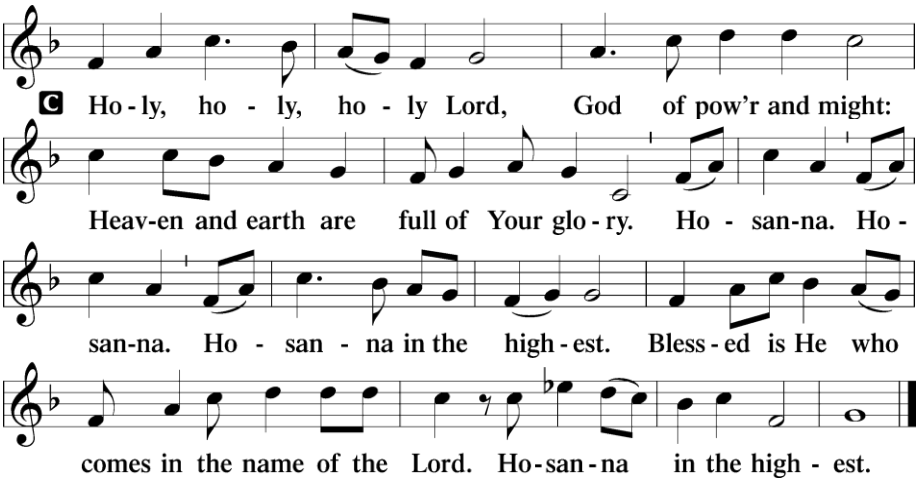


C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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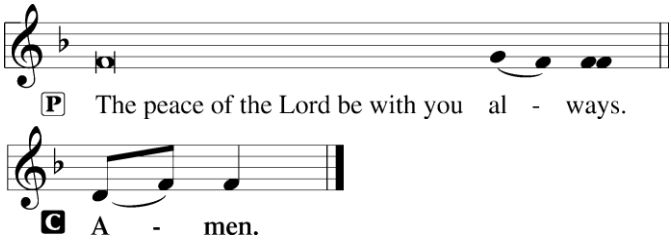

Agnus Dei

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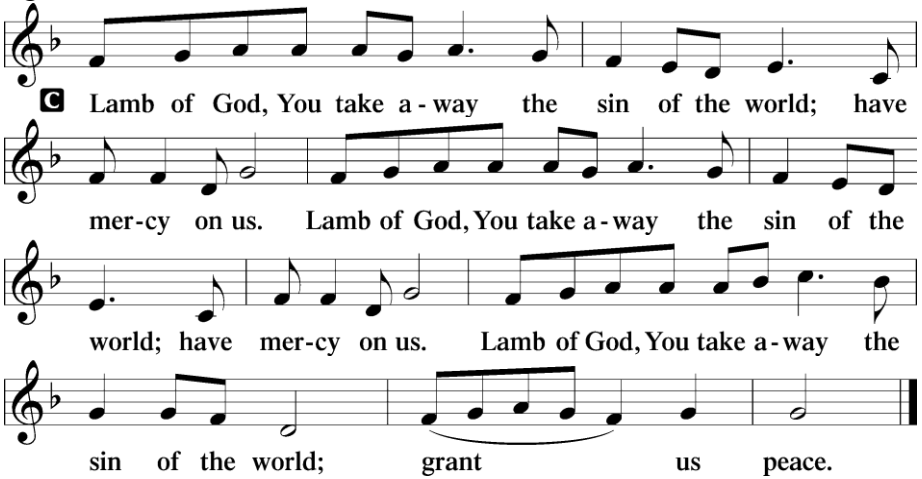

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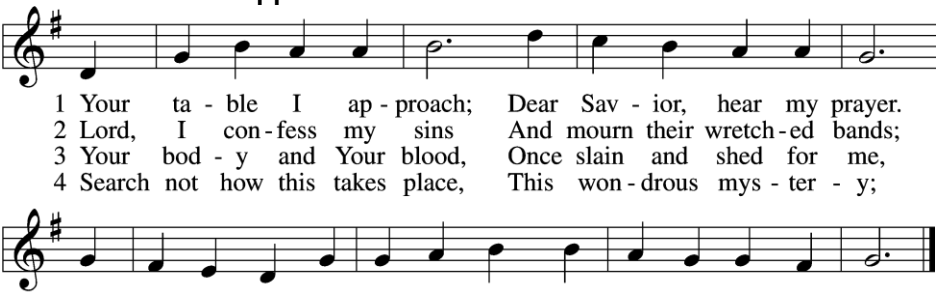
Distribution

628 Your Table I Approach



5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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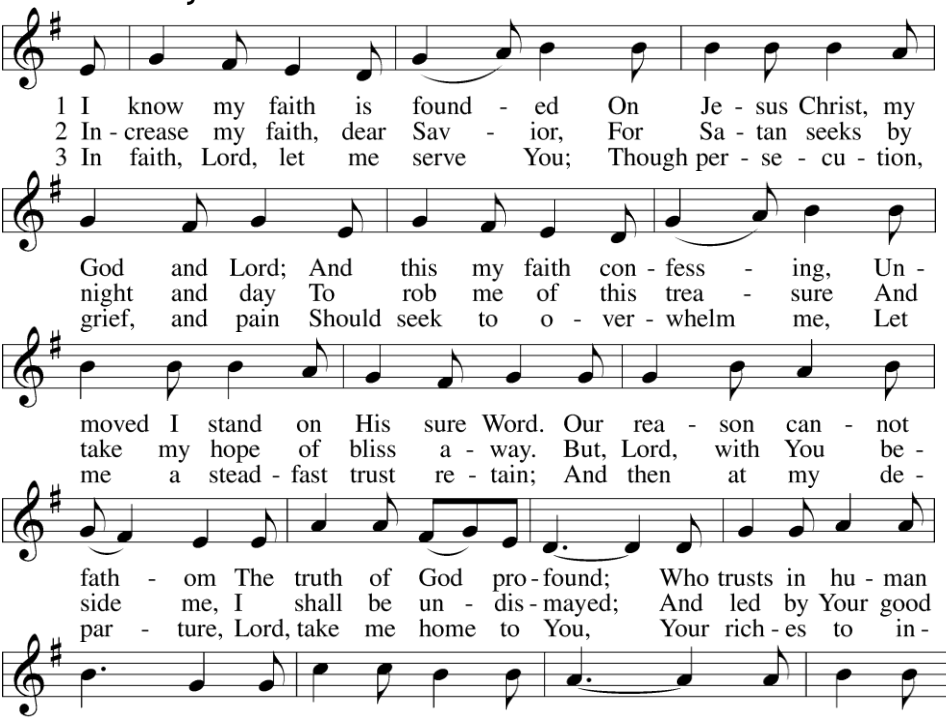
587 I Know My Faith Is Founded



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853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Thank the Lord

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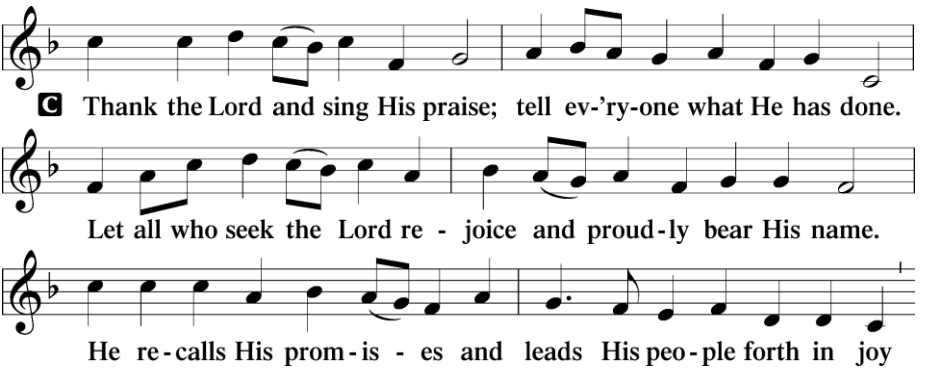
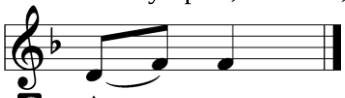


Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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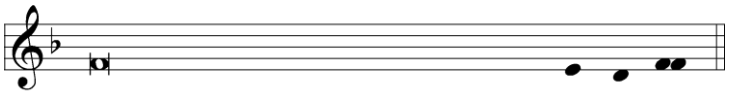

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

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Prayers for Our Members	
Brittney Edwards	Expecting
Chelsea Herrera	Expecting
Gary Albers *(St. Luke's)*	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (*Mt. Carmel)*	Healing
DyAnn Altwine (*Mt. Carmel)*	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Rich Crow	Healing
Pat Flodine (*Homestead*)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Gwen Holtz	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Lincoln Baker	Cancer
Jill Bates	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends	
Joanna Allwardt (*Pastor and Carol DeLoach's niece)*	Expecting
Kayli DeLoach (*Zach's wife)*	Expecting
Kellsey McMahon (*Chris & Sarah Hoehner's daughter)*	Expecting
Meka Nabity (Kaden's wife)	Expecting
Nicole Teten (*Chris & Sarah Hoehner's daughter)*	Expecting
Joan Bentley (*Kreutzer's friend*)	Healing
Arlene Blessen (*Margaret Smith's sister-in-law)*	Healing
Randy Fritson (*Carol Herron's friend*)	Healing
Barb Glover (*Shirley Helmbrecht's sister)*	Healing
Carolina Mulligan (*Pat Flodine's newborn granddaughter)*	Healing
Noah Ramirez (*Isaiah Gaunt's friend)*	Healing
Melissa Sims (*Jade Florang's friend)*	Healing
Randy Solomon *(Beth Rosenthal's father)*	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (*Joyce Hartman's aunt)*	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (*Willers' friend)*	Cancer
Emily Brachley (*Hodgson's friend*)	Cancer
Paul Brooks (*Bruce Brooks & Becky Thornton's brother*)	Cancer
Reagan Brown (*Westman's friend)*	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow (*Rich's brother & sister-in-law*)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (*Ruby Hatfield's niece*)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen *(Jeff's dad)*	Cancer
Heather Hawke (*Ken & Ellen Hockemeier's niece)*	Cancer
Sharon Kreutzer (*Rich's mom*)	Cancer
Ashley Maddox (*Ken & Ellen Hockemeier's niece)*	Cancer
Wilber Medbery (*Westman's friend)*	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair *(Pam Uhlir's cousin)*	Cancer
Marianne Paben (*Fattig's friend)*	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch (*Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law)*	Cancer
Carlie Russell (*Sue Bartels' friend*)	Cancer
Pastor North Sherrill (*Former Zion Pastor)*	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 8/16/2026

Offering: $6,068

Weekly Need: $9,230

Offering Options:

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1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
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Worship Assistants

Sunday, August 23rd - 9:00am

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Acolyte: Eleanor Davis

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Usher: Mike Wilkens

Engineer: Matt Hodgson

Altar Guild:
Shirley Helmbrecht & Beth Rosenthal

Sunday, August 30th - 9:00am

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Acolyte: Isabelle Rosenthal

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Usher: Andy Wollberg

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Altar Guild:
Shirley Helmbrecht & Beth Rosenthal

This Week at Zion

Sun 8/23	**9:00a**	**Divine Service**
	10:30a	**Adult Bible Study**
	10:30a	**Radio Broadcast**
		1460AM & 92.1FM
	5:00p	**Divine Service**
	Birthdays	*Rose Braden*
Mon 8/24		
Tues 8/25	**1:30p**	**Sleeping Mats**
	Birthdays	*Eric Rosenthal*
Wed 8/26	**8:30a**	**Chapel**
	Birthdays	*Marilyn Fuqua*
		Juanita Musfelt
		Jamie Wilkens
Thurs 8/27	*Anniversaries*	*Rev. Doug & Carol Gaunt*
	Birthdays	*Grant Dahlgren*
Fri 8/28		
Sat 8/29		**DeLoach Baby Shower**
	Birthdays	*Declan Nuttelman*
		Keith Nuttelman
Sun 8/30	**9:00a**	**Divine Service**
	10:30a	**Adult Bible Study**
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	5:00p	**Divine Service**

Announcements for August 23rd, 2026

Weekly Devotion Help for August 30th, 2026: The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 645 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus". Go to https://www.zionkearney.com/worship to access a Bible study based on the hymn. We are also taking part in our synod's "Memory Verse Challenge" as we all memorize the same Bible verse each week:

"This is love, that we walk according to His commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it." - **2 John 1:6**

Receipt Program Ending: The Apple Market Receipt program has come to end. We will no longer be taking receipts to turn in. You can still scan UPC codes through the Box Tops Program.

Diaper "Keg" Party: Feel free to join Adam and Chelsea for an open house celebration for baby Herrera! Stop by anytime between 2:00p-4:00p on **Sunday, August 30th** in the Fellowship Hall. Keg (root beer) and ice cream will be served along with light snacks.

3rd Quarter Missions: All mission offering from July-September will help Rev. Jonathan Clausing and his family, who are serving in Tanzania. For more information go to: https://www.lcms.org/clausing

SCHOOL NEWS

Zion Lutheran Gear: Zion has two online stores available for purchasing school-year apparel!

1) 2026-2027 Theme Apparel
https://zion26.itemorder.com/shop/home/
(Sale ends August 31st at midnight)
Note: These are the theme shirts that students are allowed to wear on Fridays.

2) Embroidered Polos, Jackets, and Hats
https://zionlutheranapparel2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/
(Sale ends August 31st at 11 am)
Note: Every K-8 student is required to have the navy polo w/logo for special events.

Theme Shirt is Navy Blue

Zion Lutheran Church Foundation Scholarship Application

Did you know that we here at Zion have a scholarship that we offer to members of Zion that are studying to become a full-time church worker? If you know anyone that is currently a full-time student and has the intentions of working in the church after graduation, please have them fill out this application.

https://forms.office.com/r/gpJVEESCTa